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The Broad Street windows will give you an idea as to the assortment—fully a dozen styles.

VIRGINIA AIR LINE RAILROAD

New Railway Company Chartered Will Cross Four Great Roads.

WELL-KNOWN CAPITALISTS

Work Will Begin Early in the Summer—Cobham Probably Be Terminus.

The Virginia Air Line is the very suggestive name that has been finally adopted by the company which will within the very near future construct a railroad from some point on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio between Keswick and Gordonsville, possibly Cobham, to a point near Brems, on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio, then on to Farmville and possibly as far South as Danville.

The officers and directors of the new enterprise are Mr. T. O. Troy, of Annapolis, president; Mr. J. M. Robertson, of Charlottesville, secretary; and Messrs. C. W. Allen, of Charlottesville; S. S. Hopkins, of Waynesboro; Felix Litterman, of Charlottesville; C. H. Walker, of Charlottesville; and S. Tucker, of Annapolis, directors.

The formation of the Virginia Air Line is the outcome, it is said, of the present discussion of rail legislation, which has made it possible for small roads to gain a fair share of profit from traffic that is handled by many roads. A well known railroad official in speaking of the proposed line said:

A glance at the railroad map of this and adjoining States as pertains to the course of this line is indeed quite interesting. The construction of such a line as a whole would establish from the East a direct short line to many of the largest trading cities within reach, namely, Lynchburg, Farmville, Danville, Durham and intermediate towns, as well as being the means of the development of a large section of well timbered and mineral lands now unsupplied with railroad facilities.

Will Be Well Constructed.

The proposed line is not only a short and direct North and South route, but is, as is stated by the president of the company, to be constructed after modern methods, with eight-foot gauge, steel rails, low grades and light curvatures, which not only affords the best condition for local traffic, but leaves nothing to be done over again when more extensive through traffic may be established.

The complete location of the first section of the line between the two lines of the Chesapeake and Ohio is expected to be finished within a few weeks, the engineering forces for that work now being in the field, and the company hopes to start the work of actual construction early in the summer if certain local questions are satisfactorily settled by that time.

It is quite definitely settled that the inter-section of the Chesapeake and Ohio on the north will be between Keswick and Gordonsville, and on the south, the most convenient point on James River, possibly Shores of Brems.

The line connecting the two divisions of the Chesapeake and Ohio, will be from 25 to 30 miles in length, with a one percent grade and with six degree curves. The right-of-way has already been secured in a great measure and the crosses have been purchased.

From Washington to Farmville, over the new route, the distance will be 150 miles and from Farmville to Danville, 50 miles, making the entire distance between Washington and Danville, over the Virginia Air Line, 200 miles with low grades, as against 220 miles on the Southern. The new road will connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio, at Cobham of some

near by point; the Norfolk and Western at Farmville, the Tidewater Railroad at a point 10 miles south of Farmville, and with the Southern at Danville.

IN BAD PREDICAMENT.

Negro Arrested on Eve of Wedding—Serious Charge.

With only two days intervening between the time of his arrest and the day of his marriage to Shields Austin, a negro woman of Manchester, George Solomon, a negro employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was apprehended on the street by Detective L. L. Scherer and C. D. Duke, of the Baldwin force, and Detective Willshire, of the city department, and incarcerated in jail on the charge of stealing from the freight office of the railroad for which he worked.

In Police Court yesterday morning Solomon's case was continued until Saturday morning at the request of both sides. Mr. G. K. Pollock represented the accused and Detective Scherer asked that the hearing of the case be deferred until some future date.

Solomon, who for years has worked in the freight depot of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, with Thomas Moody, another negro fellow-employee, were arrested on the technical charge of being suspicious characters. It developed afterwards that they were alleged to have stolen many articles of value from the freight cars in the yard.

Many stolen articles have been recovered, and will be used as evidence against the men. In colored circles of Manchester the marriage of George Solomon and Shields Austin was heralded as one of the events of the season. The negro will be bailed this morning, but whether or not he will be married to-morrow is a matter of conjecture. He didn't know yesterday what would happen to him.

FAIR COMMITTEE.

Important Meeting Will Be Held at Murphy's To-night.

There will be a meeting of the organization committee of the State Fair Association to-night in Murphy's Hotel, for the purpose of receiving reports from the committee on subscriptions to the stock of the enterprise, which means so much for Richmond.

Other matters of importance will come before the committee, but by far the most important business will be to find out exactly how much stock has been subscribed to, and what assurances the committee has of further subscriptions. All those who have not subscribed and wish to share in the benefits, can send their subscriptions to W. T. Dabney, acting for the subscription committee.

Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The Rev. Dr. R. B. Garrett, of Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, who is assisting Dr. C. S. Gardner at Grace Street Baptist Church in a series of revival services, was present at the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday morning and addressed the pastors of the city. Dr. Garrett made a short talk on the advisability of having a Baptist exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. He highly approved of the plan because, as he says, "so many of our forefathers have been imprisoned and persecuted at that very place for the sake of their faith."

The Rev. Dr. A. Baugh delivered a magnificent address on the life of "Robert Baylor Smith," the historian of Virginia Baptists.

Next Monday several visiting ministers will discuss the subject of "Revivals."

The Baptist Council of Richmond and Manchester will meet Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the First Baptist Church.

The anniversary meeting of the Bible Society of Virginia will be held next Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Robert Forsyth will make the address of the evening.

Reports for the year will be made and officers will be elected. This organization is ninety-three years old and is more prosperous now than ever before in its history.

Bible Society of Virginia.

The committee will meet at 9 o'clock Thursday night at Sanger Hall, to receive the returns.

APPEAL WALLER CASE.

Jury Decides That the Will So Hotly Contested Is Invalid.

It appears that the famous Waller case, which has engaged the attention of the Chancery Court for some two weeks, is now just fairly commenced.

The jury yesterday after a recess of some days brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, the children of the late James Waller, the estate of which is now in litigation. The jury found that the will, which is not valid, Messrs. Pollard and Pollard, representing Mrs. Waller, had made the testimony to not abide the verdict on the ground that it is not according to law and evidence.

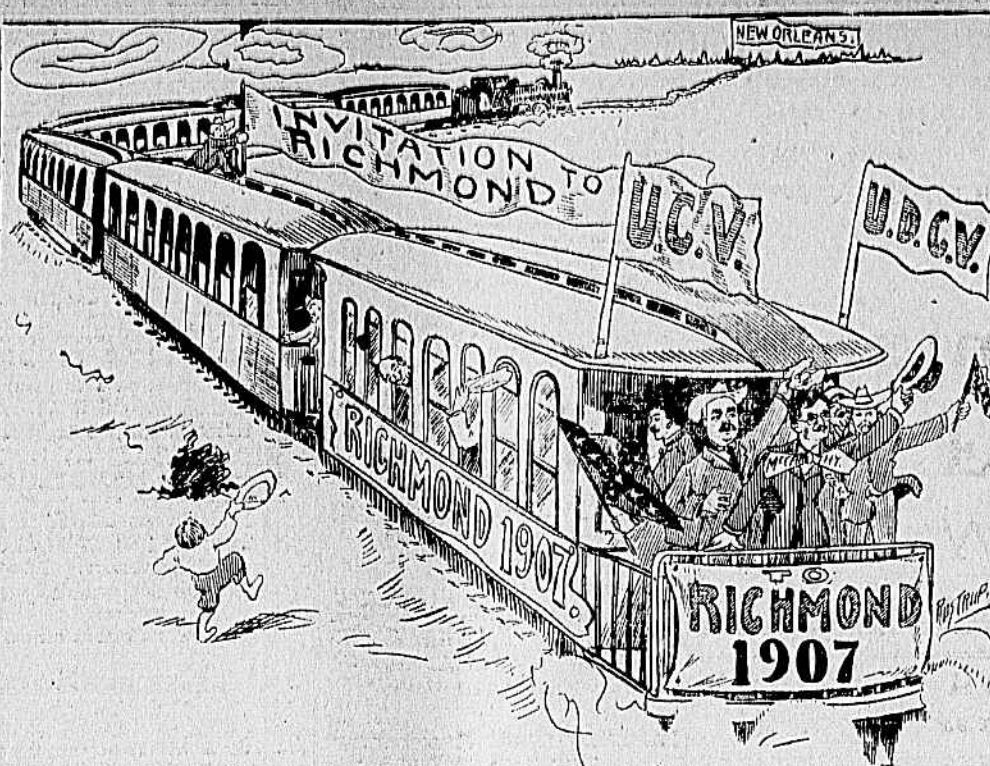
Arguments on these motions will be heard later on. It is said that the heirs of James Waller will now proceed under certain decisions made by the late husband to his wife, with the view of settling them if possible, in the courts. The case will likely be in litigation for some time at any rate.

HAVE AN ANNUAL OUTING.

Widewater Fishing Club to Celebrate To-morrow.

The Widewater Fishing Club, made up almost entirely of Richmond business men, will have its annual outing at Wide-water Station, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, to-morrow, and a great time is anticipated.

Mr. Frank T. Anthony, of the Commercial Hotel, is secretary of the organization, and says that the members who contemplate attending will notify him to-day or to-morrow, so that commissary and railroad facilities may be intelligently arranged. The club is an old and popular organization, and embraces some of



TO CAPTURE THE REUNION!

WIND UP TO-NIGHT ON CHURCH HILL

East End Candidates for Council to Have Final Shot at Voters.

MEET IN CORCORAN HALL

Aspirants From Marshall and Jefferson Wards to Speak of What They Propose to Do.

The final rally of the Democratic primary campaign will be held at Corcoran Hall to-night at eight o'clock, when all the candidates for municipal honors in Marshall and Jefferson Wards will be on hand and make speeches. Mayor McCarthy had been invited and would have appeared, except that he is absent with the veterans on his way to New Orleans.

In the absence of the Mayor, the candidates for Aldermen will be called on first, and some of them are spicy platform orators. President William M. Turpin will probably lead off, and he is always entertaining and interesting. He will say why he believes he has a claim to another term in the upper branch.

Then there is Alderman John L. (Bill) Nye, of Satterfield, who has put in some good service for the city. He will tell the voters of some of the things he has tried to accomplish for them. Alderman Louis Washer is Mr. Satterfield's colleague, who is up for another term, and he, too, will be on hand, and speak to his people. Mr. W. C. Gayle, a brother-in-law of Mr. Washer, is in the race from Marshall for the Board and he will no doubt attend and speak.

Alderman William H. Adams is President Turpin's colleague from Jefferson, whose term will expire at the same time, and they have opposition in the person of former Alderman E. M. Noble. Messrs. Adams and Noble will likely attend and make addresses.

For the Lower Branch.

The candidates for the lower branch from the two wards, all of whom are expected to attend, follow: Marshall-Incumbents, E. L. Smith, John R. Grimes, William H. Curtis, P. H. Garber, New men, John T. Nangle, E. D. Richardson, Charles Richards, Jeff. C. Powers.

Jefferson-Incumbents, W. T. Atkinson, Morgan R. Mills, H. O. Gates, John J. Lynch, C. H. Wiltshire. New men, John T. Selph, Joseph O. Phillips, C. H. Lauffer, Dr. B. A. Hord.

Captain Mills is one of the most fluent and able of the two wards, and is now just beginning to make his name as a man of wide popularity in the eastern section of the city.

Messrs. Grimes, Lynch and Garber are also among the incumbents who are always able to take care of themselves in any emergency, and Messrs. Selph and Richards, who are among the new candidates named above, are said to be pleasing speakers.

The meeting will be, no doubt, largely attended, and many voters from other parts of the city interested in general results, will go over to see what the indications are.

The primary will be held Thursday, and the voting will be from 8 o'clock A. M. until 8 o'clock P. M. The count will not consume a great deal of time, and all the returns are expected in by midnight.

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THE MOST PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN IN THE CITY.

The members will leave here on an early Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train Wednesday morning, and returning will leave Alexandria about a o'clock that evening. The membership embraces between seventy-five and a hundred gentlemen, though the maximum number rarely attends.

A great seine haul in the Potomac is always in store, and thousands of the fish are landed and prepared by the water's edge.

Mission's Monthly Social.

The Ladies Park Place Home Mission Society held their monthly social at Mrs. J. W. Blanton's last Friday. There was a very large and enthusiastic gathering of home missives. Among them were ladies from neighboring churches. Mrs. W. J. Young, of Centenary, made a very interesting and inspiring talk on home mission work, besides there were other who contributed much to the edification and entertainment of those present.

After the exercises were over the ladies were invited to the dining room by their genial hostess, who had prepared an abundant supply of dainty refreshments for all present, and which were served with her characteristic hospitality.

A large sum was realized from the Easter offerings. There is a growing interest in the church, and the day is not far distant when "all the tithes" will be brought into the "storehouse."

Evening With the Choir.

Among the numbers to be sung at the "Evening with the Choir," which will take place at Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday night of this week, will be a hymn by Miss Zelle Minor and a new song by Dr. W. H. G. McGehee, well known local musicians. In addition will be choruses from "The Seasons" of Haydn, "Messiah" of Handel, "Hear My Prayer" and "St. Paul" of Mendelssohn, with solos by some of Richmond's best talent.

The chorus will consist of picked voices from the Richmond Choral Society. In addition to the regular members of Grace Church choir, and will be under the direction of Dr. McGehee. This means an evening of enjoyable music for those who attend, and the public is cordially invited to be present. An offering will be taken up during the evening for the organ fund of Grace Church.

Large Class Confirmed.

At St. Peter's Cathedral nearly one hundred persons were confirmed yesterday morning at the regular service. The Right Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver celebrated mass and administered the first holy communion. About thirty little girls were gownned in spotless white, with long tulle veils caught with a floral wreath. The boys wore black suits, with white bow ties.

Small Blaze at Westmoreland.

The Westmoreland Club's awning over the sun parlor caught fire by some unknown cause this morning at 7:30 o'clock, and was entirely consumed. The only escape was by the window. A servant discovered the fire after it was well started, and an alarm was sent in to the fire department. The chemical engine extinguished the blaze.

Will Take All of To-day.

The case of Willson C. Gregory, charged with embezzling \$1,600 from the Southern Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, was on trial in the Hustings Court yesterday, and will probably conclude to-day.

Attorneys Folken and Mr. H. M. Smith are representing the prosecution, while Messrs. O. Weinberg, H. St. John Coates and E. H. Wells appear for the defense. Slow progress was made with the witnesses yesterday, and the case may not get to the jury to-night.

Judge Phlegar Named.

Leutenant-Governor Elyson has named Senator A. Phlegar, of Montgomery, vice Senator W. H. Mann, of Nottoway, on the joint committee to investigate conditions at the Eastern State Penitentiary. Mr. Phlegar will be relieved from service on the special committee.

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Gans-Rady Company

on Tuesday afternoon, which will be one of the features of this year's programme. Tuesday night, May 1st, is artists' night, in which the ten artists will render their favorite selections, assisted by the Boston Festival Orchestra.

Particulars regarding the May Festival may be obtained by mail, wire or phone from Manager Walter C. Mercer, 1013 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

Military Notes.

The adjutant-general's office is in receipt of orders making the following changes and promotions in the Seventy-second Regiment Infantry:

Sergeant Roy M. Hershberger, of Company C, at Luray, to be made sergeant-major of the regiment.

Corporal Longwood R. Lewis, of Company A, at Staunton, to be sergeant.

Sergeant J. O. Bumgardner, of Company B, at Culpeper, to be first sergeant, and Corporal Archie Bowersett, to be quartermaster sergeant, and Private John L. Latham, to be corporal of same company.

Privates William R. Bradford, James R. Griener and Howard H. Parrish, to be corporals of Company A, at Staunton.

Private Jordan T. Armstrong, to be corporal of Company B, at Culpeper.

Private Lloyd L. Bradford, to be corporal of Company C, at Luray.

Sergeant Carl H. Selbert, to be first sergeant, and Private Jacob W. Beach, to be sergeant of same company.

Charters Granted.

The State Corporation Commission has granted the following charters:

Sanuel J. Prescott, Company (Incorporated), Alexandria, Capital, \$10,000; president, H. F. Woodard, secretary and treasurer, Washington, D. C. Capital, \$20,000; objects, a general contracting business.

Appomattox Shirt and Overall Company (Incorporated), Petersburg, S. S. Elliott, president; W. A. Thomas, secretary and treasurer, Petersburg, Capital, \$10,000; objects, a wholesale and retail shirt and overall business.

Dunn Sorenson Company (Incorporated), Richmond, H. C. Dunn, president; Chris. Sorenson, secretary and treasurer; Hathersole, Capital, \$5,000; objects, to deal in carriage and wagon material.

Arcanumites Responsive.

The grand regent of the Royal Arcanum is in receipt of letters which evince the fact that the Arcanum councils of Virginia are responding to the cry of distress from San Francisco. This official has asked the grand regent of California if the Arcanum of the stricken city will need any assistance from without their own jurisdiction.

Delegates to Mission Board.

Mrs. A. C. Becker, Mrs. Helen Manson and Miss Maggie Curly will go as delegates from Richmond to the meeting of the Home Missionary Board of the Methodist Church, South and West, which convenes Thursday in Asheville, North Carolina. The sessions of the board will continue until the second of May, and much important business will be transacted.

Grace Street Services.

The special services which were commenced at Grace Street Baptist Church last Sunday will continue through this week. Dr. Garrett, of Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, who is assisting Dr. Gardner, will preach every evening.

The singing, which is excellent, is led by a chorus choir of seventy-five voices under the direction of Mr. B. F. Cosby.

DR. ALDERMAN HAS DONE GREAT WORK

Since Assuming Presidency Has Increased University Funds \$3,000 a Day.

DR. MITCHELL NOT TO ACCEPT

President Alderman Regrets That Noted Educator Will Not Come to University.

President Edwin Anderson Alderman, in discussing on yesterday the future of the Medical School of the University of Virginia, said that the coming session would find the largest number of medical students at the University that had ever attended lectures there since the institution had been founded.

He stated that within the next twelve months more than \$100,000 would be expended in making the medical department the most completely equipped in the South.

In reply to the question of who would be selected to fill the chair of surgery, Dr. Alderman said that no one had yet been chosen, but that a selection would be made in the near future.

Dr. Alderman decried that Professor Mitchell, of Richmond College, had accepted a chair at the University. He said he considered Dr. Mitchell one of the best men in the State, and only wished that conditions were such that Dr. Mitchell could make the University his home.

A remarkable fact that is attracting great notice in the North, which, strange to say, has escaped attention in Virginia, is the wonderful success that President Alderman has had in raising funds for the advancement of the University.

It is stated by those who have closely studied the matter that since Dr. Alderman became president, he has secured gifts for the University amounting to \$2,000 a day, and that this does not include the amounts recently given by the State Legislature.

A plan is now on foot to have a ball game played at the University sometime in May, between the Varsity and a nine from the Richmond Chapter of the Alumni.

Among those who will play on the Richmond Alumni team will be Julius Hill, Murray M. McGuire, Dr. Robert Nelson, Allen Potts, W. Gordon McCabe, St. George Bryan, Harrison Blair, Joseph E. Willard, George Alsins and Percy Busher.

Hebrew Memorial Association.

The annual meeting of the Hebrew Ladies' Memorial Association will be held this afternoon at 4:30 at the residence of the president, 309 Park Avenue.

Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Co.

Springfield, Mass., April 21, 1906.

Messrs. Wortham & Hatke, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sirs,—The heavy losses to fire insurance companies occasioned by the terrible calamity at San Francisco will naturally cause anxiety among our agents regarding the condition of the insurance companies represented by them. While we have received no advices from Manager Dornin, of our Pacific Department, we have made careful computations from very complete data at this office, and take pleasure in announcing that our reserve of over \$3,000,000 and our large capital of \$2,000,000 will be intact, and there will also remain a very substantial surplus beyond these items after the payment of all our losses.

We congratulate you as well as ourselves on being connected with such a splendid company as the old Springfield Fire and Marine.

Yours very truly,
A. W. DAMON, President.

See that you have a Springfield Policy.

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Queen Insurance Co. of America,

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Owing to unsettled conditions in San Francisco, we cannot at this time accurately estimate our losses by the great fire. The assets of the Company of over \$6,841,000 are ample to meet all claims and still leave a large surplus for the protection of our policy-holders. The business of the Company will be continued on the same broad and conservative lines which have always controlled.

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Fireman's Fund Insurance Company,

received yesterday the following telegram:

"I have telegram from President Dutton advising that all is now safe, and FIREMAN'S FUND will pay all losses and continue business uninterrupted.

(Signed) 'EDGAR S. WILSON,
'Manager Southern Department.'